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SUBJ: ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER PRESIDENT NIXON' S CONGRATULATORY
LETTER

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1. EMBOFF MET THIS MORNING WITH RAUL LASTIRI, FREJULI DEPTY- ELECT AND CLOSE CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA, TO EXPLORE SCENARIO FOR PRESENTING PRESIDENT NIXON' S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMPORA. LASTIRI SAID HE CERTAIN CAMPORA WOULD WISH TO RECEIVE ME PERSONALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NOT ONLY SO THAT I COULD DELIVER LETTER BUT ALSO TO HAVE OPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CHAT. THERE WAS PROBLEM OF TIMING, HOWEVER, SINCE CAMPORA PLANNED TO DEPART EARLY MORNING APRIL 6 ON CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH PROVINCES. LASTIRI PHONED CAMPORA AND IN PRESENCE EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HIM. CAMPORA ASKED LASTIRI TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR FRIENDLY GESTURE AND CONFIRMED THAT HE HOPED I WOULD PERSONALLY DELIVER LETTER. HE SAID HIS SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY WAS ALREADY FULL BUT HE WOULD TRY TO REJUGGLE APPOINTMENTS SO AS TO BE ABLE RECEIVE ME BEFORE DEPARTURE TOMORROW. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, HE DID NOT WISH TO CROWD ME IN BETWEEN OTHER APPOINTMENTS. RATHER, HE WISHED TO GIVE CALL OF PRESIDENT' S REPRESENTATIVE BEARING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ALL ATTENTION AND HONOR IT DESERVED. HENCE, IF IT
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IMPOSSIBLE FIND SUITABLE OCCASION TODAY, HE HOPED I WOULD BE
AGREEABLE TO WAITING UNTIL
HIS RETURN (NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11).

2. IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH SAME EMBOFF THIS AFTERNOON,
LASTIRI SAID IT APPEARED CALL WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT CAMPORA' S
RETURN. HE REITERATED EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION.

3. ATMOSPHERE OF EXCHANGES THROUGHOUT WAS MOST CORDIAL.
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